Sl. No.	Name of State	National Highway No.	Total Length (in Kms.)
5.	Chhattisgarh	12A, 216, & 217	278
6.	Gujarat	8E	220
7.	Himachal Pradesh	88	115
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	Extn. of 1B	85
9.	Jharkhand	Extn. of 75, 98, 99 & 100	523
10.	Karnataka	212 & 218	336
11.	Kerala	212, 213 & 220	430
12.	Madhya Pradesh	12A, 59A, Extn. of 75, 86, Extn. of 86 & 92	1166
13.	Mizoram	154	70
14.	Orissa	215 & 217	786
15.	Punjab	95	225
16.	Rajasthan	Extn. of 11A, 79A, 89 & 90	516
17.	Tamil Nadu	219 & 220	77
18.	Uttaranchal	72A, 87, 94, 108 & 109	429
19.	Uttar Pradesh	2A, 24A, Extn. of 58, 72A, Ext.. of 75, 86, 87, 91, 92, 93, 96 & 97	1281
20.	West Bengal	81	55

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Growth of agro Industries

4505. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of agro industries in the country;

(b) the details of measures taken by Government to improve the performance of the agro industries;

(c) how far these measures have helped the agro industries; and

(d) the steps stipulated in the Tenth Five Year Plan for a healthy growth of agro industries?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) The Khadi and Village Industries (KVI) Sector has generated production worth Rs. 6923.26 crores (Rs. 431.57 crores under Khadi and Rs. 6491.69 crores under VI) in the year 2000-01. Against this production, the sales turn over was reported at Rs. 7955.10 crores (Rs. 570.55) crores under Khadi and (Rs. 7384.55 crores under VI)

The sector is employment intensive and has generated employment for 60.07 lakhs persons (50.51 lakhs in the VI Sector and 9.56 lakhs in the Khadi Sector). Some of the major areas of this sector besides Khadi are cottage pottery, cottage leather, rural engineering, processing of pulses and cereals and ghani oil. While the Village Industry Sector has been showing a consistent growth, there has been a decline in Khadi mainly due to poor demand.

(b) to (d) The Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the rural Employment Generation Programme for setting up agro and rural industries. Under this scheme, the KVIC provides margin money assistance at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs, and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. In the case of the SC/ST/OBC/Women/Physically Handicapped/Ex-Servicemen and Minority Community beneficiary/institution and for hill border and tribal areas, North Eastern Region, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Lakshadweep, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs but above this amount and upto Rs. 25 lakhs it is 10% of the remaining cost of the project. Under this scheme, the beneficiary is required to contribute a minimum 10% of the project cost. In case of SC/ST and other weaker sections, beneficiary contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks etc.

Moreover, the Government, announced a package for the Khadi and Village Industries sector on 14.05.2001. The main features of this package consist of a Rebate Policy for five years, option of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to the Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development etc.

The Government has also decided to continue the REGP programme druing 10th Plan period also and Rs. 1250 crores has been proposed to be allocated during 10th Plan period for this scheme.

Development of coir industry in Maharashtra

4506. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for promotion and development of coir industry in the country particularly in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): The Coir Board has been implementing various programmes for the sustainable development of coir industry such as Research and Development, Quality Improvement, Human Resource Development, Promotion of Markets for coir products both in domestic and export sectors and welfare support.

A techno-economic feasibility study for the development of coir industry was conducted by the Coir Board in two leading coconut growing districts of Maharashtra namely Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri. Based on the study an action-plan has been suggested to the State Government of Maharashtra for the development of coir industry in Sindhudurg district.

Infrastructure for Agro and Rural Industries

4507. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of fruits and vegetables that are processed in the rural industries;